

New Open Burning Permits:

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality has implemented new regulations for permits for open burning.

Residents of Tonto Basin Fire District must now apply for an Open Burning Permit and fill out a new form from the ADEQ. After a permit is issued, residents are required to call in before they begin burning, and also keep track of the dates and times they burned. A form is provided for them to use. They must return the form to ADEQ through the fire district by March 31 of each year.

The regulations have been updated to include stricter penalties for illegal burning. The change most affecting residents is that any burn must be more than 50 feet from a structure.

Tonto Basin Fire District has agreed to serve as the local agency to distribute and control the permits. This makes it easier for our residents to obtain permits and be able to burn.